

the
cat
had the orange
and black
striped butterfly
in its mouth
and was climbing
down the tree trunk
by my front door

I saw
and couldn't believe
a cat with butterfly
in mouth

so I went outside
and the cat
was down
in the grass
rubbing the
butterfly into ground

I figured the butterfly
dead
so I picked the cat
up off
the ground

and set her down
20 feet away
and walked back to
the butterfly

tweaked it a few times
tweaked the dead uplifted wing
then the wing
fluttered

faster than my eye
it was up through
the branches of
a fig tree
gone and alive